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Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian
Group Art Unit: 1624
Applicants: Jingrong Cao et al.
For: COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF ROCK AND
OTHER PROTEIN KINASES

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the July 19, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. A reply is due on October 19, 2006. Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 72 of this Reply.